

## House Republican Press Release

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### **State Representative Chapin Reminds Shoppers To Take Advantage Of Sales Tax-Free Week**



Representative Clark Chapin, R-New Milford, today reminded consumers that Connecticut's "sales tax-free holiday" will take place shortly. From Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, all clothing and footwear under \$300 will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax.

Rep. Chapin voted in favor of legislation that enacted the current one-week exemption from the state sales tax, which was initially established in August 2000. Proposals have been introduced in the Legislature to add a second week later in the year, but have not received approval.

Examples of clothing exempted during the sales tax-free holiday are jeans, dresses, blouses, shirts, shoes, sneakers, scarves, gloves, and belts. Non-apparel items, such as jewelry, wallets, and luggage are not included in the exemption.

"Sales Tax-Free Week can be especially helpful to families, especially those with several kids, because of its 'back to school' timing," said Rep. Chapin. "I'm glad the state is again able to provide it this year."

The House Republican Caucus first introduced the concept in August 1999 – modeled after a successful New York program – as a way of providing additional relief to Connecticut families while boosting the state's economic competitiveness among neighboring states. Consumers seeking more information on the state's "sales tax-free week" can visit the Department of Revenue Services' website at: [www.ct.gov/drs](http://www.ct.gov/drs)